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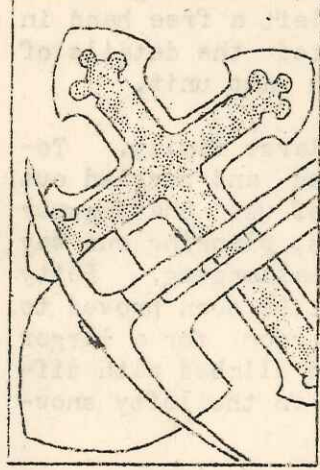
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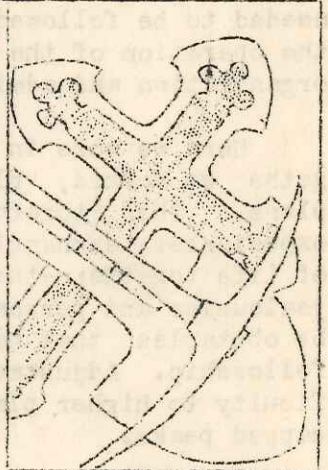
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NOT THAT I HAVE SECURED IT YET, OR ALREADY REACHED PERFECTION, BUT I AM PRESSING ON TO SEE IF I CAN CAPTURE IT, BECAUSE I HAVE BEEN CAPTURED BY JESUS CHRIST. BROTHERS, I DO NOT CONSIDER THAT I HAVE CAPTURED IT YET, ONLY, FORGETTING WHAT IS BEHIND ME, AND STRAINING TOWARD WHAT LIES AHEAD, I AM PRESSING TOWARD THE GOAL; FOR THE PRIZE TO WHICH GOD THROUGH CHRIST JESUS CALLS US UPWARD. LET AS MANY OF US THEREFORE AS ARE MATURE HAVE THIS ATTITUDE. IF YOU HAVE ANY DIFFERENT ATTITUDE, GOD WILL MAKE THIS CLEAR TO YOU. ONLY WE MUST LIVE UP TO WHAT WE HAVE ALREADY ATTAINED.



THIS IS OUR YEAR

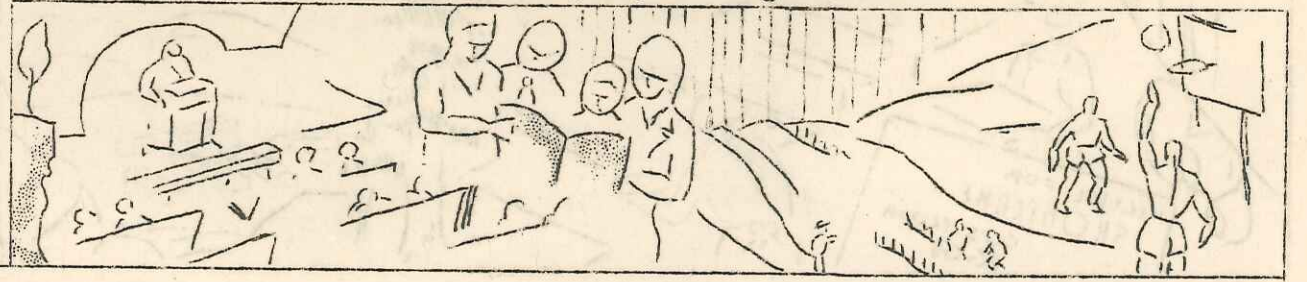
The fifth of June, 1941, they came--young men from the farms, the towns. They were conscientious objectors to war, protestants to the murder of their brother man. They were devotees to the Christ-like life--the way of peace and service.

That summer, with the rumble of war becoming ever more deafening in our ears, other men of nonresistant faith departed from their homes, their sweethearts for the simple life of camp. They came: twenty-five June 5, twenty-one June 16, thirty-two June 23, thirty-five August 15, and so on through the year. They came from the wheatfields of Kansas, the cornlands of Iowa, the arid plains of the West. To the camp came men of varied religious faiths: Mennonites, Quakers, Jehovah's Witnesses, Evangelicals, Methodists. They met on common ground. To them war was unchristian, war was murder, war was stupid. An inner spirit had called these young men to renounce force and violence for the way of love.

In the camp, ably led by a friendly and inspiring director, these men were drawn into closer fellowship. Friendships flowered. Together they worshiped. Together they studied and played. Amid toil on the project, their sense of kinship grew.

The men remodeled their camp home. They went forth to the farms and ranches of the community to serve in conserving the soil. They built dams. They contoured land. They dug diversion ditches. Into the mountains they went to work in the forests. On the hillsides they planted trees. Month after month, day after day they returned to their work--their common responsibility, their common joy.

This is our year--a year of service, a year of growth.



THE YEAR AHEAD
by Albert M. Gaeddert

Over the hill could be seen the smoke of the approaching train, and soon the locomotive pulled into the station at the foot of Fikes Peak carrying 25 young men bound for service in the Colorado Springs CFS camp. Paul Comly French and Harold Bender were aboard the same train, eager to see the Civilian Public Service program swing into action in the Rocky Mountain region. The experiment was new to all including the staff in charge, those who had a hand in initiating CFS, as well as to our own government officials by whose graciousness the venture was launched for the first time on this continent.

The program was in our hands; although some limited government regulation needed to be followed, for the most part the churches were left a free hand in the operation of the program and the churches in turn entrusted the details of organization and administration largely into the hands of each camp unit.

Here we were in a new community living as members of a large family. Together we worked, played, worshipped, sang, lived and planned and carried out plans. This "togetherness" afforded new experiences to all of us. Sharing our experiences, exchanging ideas, discussing our common problems, planning our way of life together--these things were at once baffling and challenging. Petty jealousies and personal grudges, ill feelings and selfish motives soon proved to be obstacles that had to be cleared away in order to make room for a larger fellowship. Adjustments came easily with some, while others climbed with difficulty to higher planes, challenged by the physical setting in the lofty snow-capped peaks.

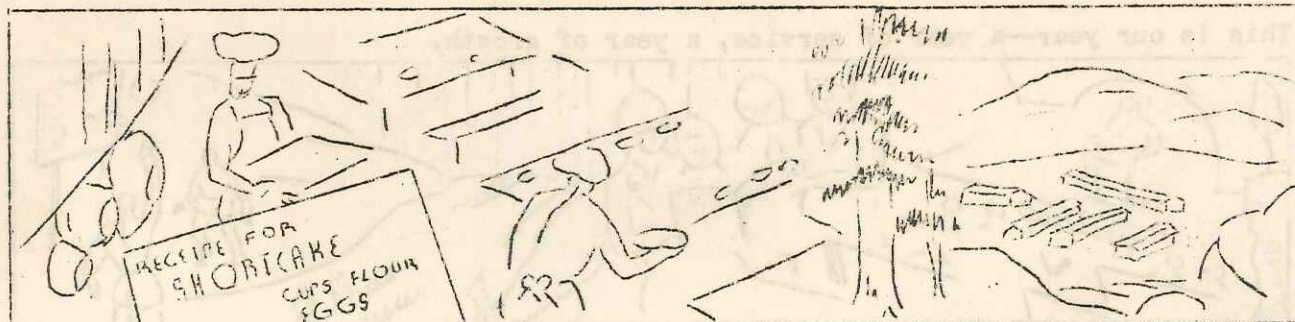
One of the greatest factors in launching the adventure with some degree of success was the congenial reception of our group in the community. Ministers and laymen, business and professional people did their share in placing our relationships with the community on pleasant bases. For this we are deeply indebted to the community of Colorado Springs.

From the outset we keenly realized that our first task was to do our work well. Granted the privilege of service, our response was to be whole-hearted in the type of service rendered. With much room for growth and betterment, we are grateful for the work well done, for which no workman need be ashamed. Our task is only begun, the future holds promises without limit if we can rise equal to the task.

Hospitals entrusted with the care of those mentally ill are desperately in need of men. Our services have been offered--here is a job that calls us. Men are being furloughed out to dairy farms whose milk is essential to maintain civilians in the cities. Malaria fever and hookworm control projects have been opened in an effort to preserve health in the low income sections of the South. Although our service of rehabilitation and reconstruction abroad are for the moment halted, a unit is planned for health service in Puerto Rico. What a field of service open to us!

Can we meet the challenge? By the help of God we move forward.

Out of this experience should rise nobler Christian character, a deepened sense of brotherhood, a greater church whose first and primary interest is giving witness to the Kingdom of God on earth.



TO US THIS YEAR HAS MEANT:

Are we marking time or are we marching? Are we existing until we get out of camp or are we living? Are we thinking entirely about old friends or are we thinking some about our friends in camp--the fellows in our dorm and in our crew, that new fellow who seems so different? The answers to these questions are going to determine how valuable this first year of camp life has been. It has been a glorious year, rich, testing the best that is in us.

Throughout the days and weeks we have worked to build our monument to peace, something lasting--saving the soil. Much of it has been hard. First of all, this year has meant devotion to that task--to giving it our best, pouring out our sweat and our strength. That would be enough, but it has meant more.

Hear these words from campers: "I was set in one field; now I have been given a perspective on my life work... Will be conscious of soil conservation all my life...I like planting trees because that is something permanent... The association with the fellows has been worth a lot....Strengthened in my views...Secured credit for algebra and hold a Red Cross First Aid card...I appreciate the undesirable odd jobs... A lot of valuable mechanical experience.....Camp has taught me to live rather intimately and get along with fellows whose personalities clash with my own."

Where else could one live with 150 young Christian men and receive such a challenge to love and serve? Where such an opportunity to take a responsibility in work, in teaching, in living victoriously. Sacrifice, struggle, shattered plans--a whole year of it--these days of our years. We're not just spending time, we're living--better and more deeply than we would outside of camp. We're making new

friends. There are new frontiers for us, new ideas to develop. We have a new program before us. There is darkness about us but the footlights are on. A symphony begins. From beneath the curtain streams a new radiance. It's life's drama, still playing to the world!

EDUCATIONAL DISTRIBUTION OF CAMPERS

Mr. Average Camper at Colorado Springs has had approximately three years of high school training. This conclusion is based on an analysis of the educational backgrounds of the men in camp.

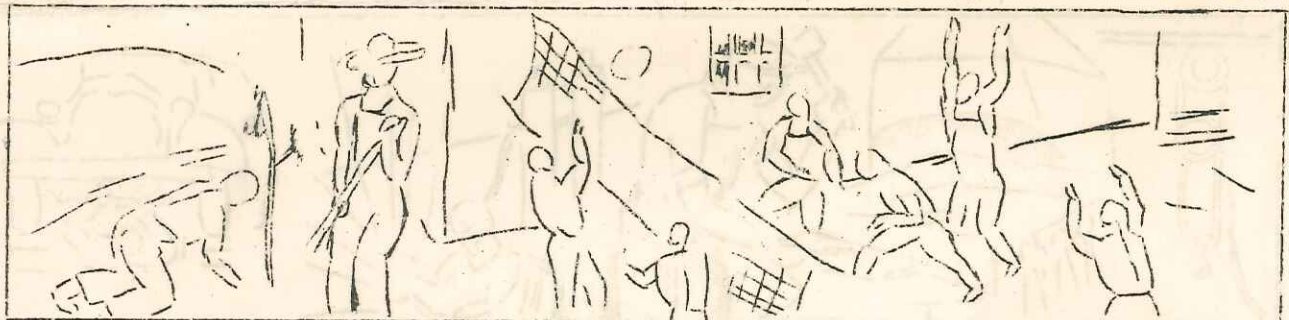
Ten men in camp have graduated from college, including three who have done graduate study. Thirty-four men have spent one or more years in college study. The camp claims sixty-nine high school graduates. All but thirteen men have graduated from the eighth grade.

Following is the educational distribution among the 145 campers:

2 years of graduate school.....	2
1 year of graduate school.....	1
<u>College Graduate</u>	7
3 years of college.....	5
2 years of college.....	12
1 year of college.....	7
<u>High School Graduate</u>	35
3 years of high school.....	3
2 years of high school.....	7
1 year of high school.....	5
<u>Eighth Grade</u>	48
Seventh grade.....	8
Sixth grade.....	4
Fourth grade.....	1
Total.....	145

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THE COMING OF THE FIRST CAMPERS

2:18 PM June 4, 1941:

The "Doodle-bug" stopped at Marion, Kansas to perform a special mission. There it received among its passengers Jake Guhr, Les Harms, and Don Bartel. The "Doodle-bug" had the doubtful honor of carrying the first campers for CPS Camp #5, Colorado Springs, Colorado, on the first leg of the journey. At McPherson it found waiting another delegation larger than the first and bound for the same destination. The members of this group still in camp were J. Hobart Goering, Erwin Krehbiel, Henry Loepp, Ed Martens, Ray Buller, Walt Decker, Menno Koehn, C.-Joe Unruh, and Jake Pauls. On they went to Ellinwood where the entire group was deposited to wait for the mainliner carrying Menno Martens from Newton and going on to pick up Les Schultz at Great Bend and Isaac Harms at Lakin. It was a sleepless night... thinking of people who wouldn't be seen for some time... thinking of the send-off from home.... talking with new acquaintances about the future in camp ... wondering if there would be anybody at the station to meet them... a jumble of other things to make sleep impossible. And there was always the thought that it would be for only one year.... that wouldn't be so bad.... someday there would be a ride in the opposite direction.

Half an hour late... 6:30 AM, June 5 ... anxious to get off the train and get the year started.... a relief to find Albert and Mrs. Gaeddert, John Gaeddert, Rev. Bayles, Rev. Manthei, and Mr. Zook on the platform waiting. ... a quick trip to camp and to breakfast... then work to do... closets, shelves, painting, carpentry, yard work, and on and on.... but first a nap just any place.... that first day was a long one.... days flew by.... 2... 3 of them... and finally a whole week, plus 11 days. .. then more fellows... another week and even more men coming.... it wasn't long till a whole month had slid by.... time began to move even more rapidly.....

SELECTIVE SERVICE APPROVES NEW CAMPS

Nine camps have been officially approved by Selective Service and are to be opened in the near future to accommodate the hundreds of CO's conscripted this spring and summer.

The American Friends Service Committee (AFSC), the Brethren Service Committee (BSC), and the Mennonite Central Committee (MCC) will administer the camps. The following new camps have been approved:

CPS #33--Fort Collins, Colo., MCC
 CPS #34--US Agricultural Experimental Research Station at Beltsville, Maryland, under joint supervision of AFSC, BSC, and MCC.
 CPS #35--North Fork, Calif., MCC
 CPS #36--Santa Barbara, Calif., BSC
 CPS #37--Antelope, Coleville, Calif., AFSC.
 CPS #38--Salem, Oregon, BSC
 CPS #39--Galax, Virginia, BSC
 CPS #40--Howard, Pennsylvania, MCC
 CPS #41--Marienville, Pennsylvania, BSC

The National Service Board reports that all of the camps are forestry projects with the exception of Fort Collins, which is soil conservation and forestry; Beltsville, which is experimental work in forestry, fish and wildlife; and Salem, which is a mental hospital unit.

The capacity of the camps will be 150 with the exception of Salem which will be 20 and Beltsville, 45.

Henceforth Camp Cascade Locks, Oregon, will be administered by the Brethren and Camp Marietta will be under the Mennonites.

James Farmer, Race Relations Secretary of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, will speak in camp Friday evening, June 5, on the subject of the conscientious objector and the problem of race relationships. Mr. Farmer is of the colored race.



CACHE LA POUFRE CAMP AT FORT COLLINS

The old CCC camp at the mouth of Cache La Poudre Canyon, deserted for nearly two years, is beginning to show signs of being inhabitable once more. Under the direction of Mr. Scott, Soil Conservationist, the work of cleaning and repairing has been steadily progressing.

Clarence Joe has been busy repairing and cleaning the water system. Stumpy and Vernie have spent several days on the grounds and have made a great improvement in the appearance of the place. N. Paul has demonstrated his ability as electrical engineer and is waiting for an opportunity to use his training in First Aid. Hobart, Rudy, and N. Paul spent several days making an accurate count of government supplies and preparing a report of the same. Our carpenters, Ike and Elmer, are engaged in repair work on the buildings.

Perhaps the most popular man in Camp #33 is Eldon, our cook. We never refuse to respond when he announces "soups on!" Between meals he spends his time making the kitchen and dining hall a more pleasant place in which to work and eat. He is assisted in this work by members of the other crews. Hob's Crosley serves as camp car.

The camp is located on an open, gently sloping hillside. A hard-surfaced road leads eleven miles southeast to Fort Collins, and northwest up beautiful Poudre Canyon. Nearby hills and streams make hiking an interesting experience.

The community in general is very friendly and interested in the work of the camp. To the 175 men who will be making this their camp home, I say this: Camp #33 promises to be a very pleasant and interesting place in which to live.

Earnest Kauffman
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THOSE WE HAVE MET

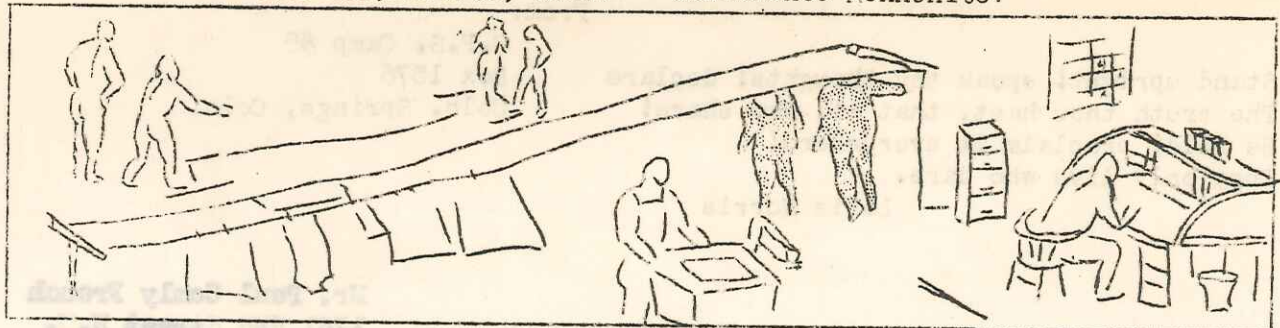
Richard Hunter, Minneapolis, Minnesota
Zealous in conviction....analytic thinker....spontaneous speaker....came from 28 months experience in county welfare work....graduated in law from Univ. of Minn...has been on shovel, research, and survey crews....worked in kitchen as well as 4½ months as infirmary attendant....associates with local church group & FOR...Methodist.

Ralph Kaufman, Havelock, Iowa
Good judgment...just one of the fellows...worked on farm before camp...in field ever since arrival....foreman of crew since January....likes sports, music, and reading...ambition is to be a "good old Iowa farmer"... (Old) Mennonite.

Gerhard Peters, Lehigh, Kansas
Responsible reputation....reared on farm...two years at Bethel....one year of teaching...a month of work in field...two months as cook and eight as warehouse clerk for the SCS....likes reading of books....took accounting in camp for college credit....sings in chorus....likes sports....General Conference Mennonite.

Joe Glanzer, Yale, South Dakota
Has three brothers & three sisters. Lived on farm...now expert laundryman....exhibits musical talent in playing the electric guitar....other interests in photography and woodworking...takes farm accounting course...plans to be a "jack of all trades and master of...."....Krimmer Mennonite Brethren.

Jake Guhr, Hillsboro, Kansas
Has been working on farms...spent wheat harvest in North Dakota and one in Wyoming....camp jobs were kitchen, pick and shovel, tank construction and masonry work....one of those who will soon celebrate first anniversary of camp experiences....likes especially well to hike...dependable worker...good member of camp fellowship.....General Conference Mennonite.



NEWS IN BRIEF

Saturday, June 6, will be Camp Anniversary Day, commemorating the arrival on June 5, 1941, of the first contingent of assignees to the Colorado Springs camp. The entertainment committee has planned a special "Graduation Day" program for Saturday evening. After the completion of the work week, Sat. afternoon will be devoted to varied recreational and athletic activity. The recreation committee is in charge of the afternoon program. A picnic on the bluff near camp is planned for the early evening.

The first round of the softball schedule has been completed with each team having played three games. The standings:

Dorms:	Won	Lost	Pct.
6 & 7	3	0	1.000
1 & 8	2	1	.666
4 & 5	1	2	.333
2 & 3	0	3	.000

Batting summary of the leading hitters:

	AB	H	Pct.
Ediger	6	3	.500
E. Kaufman	6	3	.500
Harder	8	4	.500
Hofer	5	2	.400
Campbell	8	3	.375
M. Stucky	6	2	.333
H. Mullet	6	2	.333

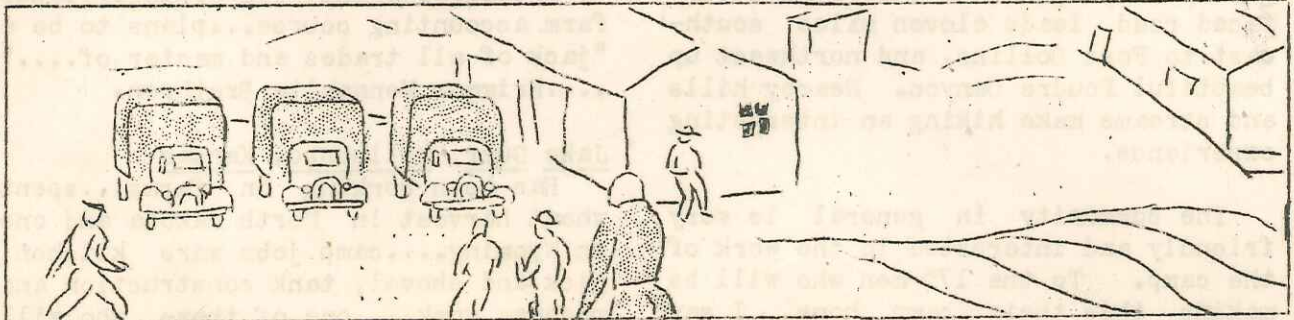
A total of six homeruns have been hit, no player getting more than one. Campbell has hit three triples.

Albert Gaeddert has been away from camp during the past week, travelling in the interests of the MCC. He left on Sat., May 23, for Camp Denison, Iowa, where he met a unit of ten assigned to detached farm service. He accompanied the group to Dodge County, Wisc., where he supervised the establishment of the farm assignment program in that dairy area.

Two additional campers recently joined the ranks of the married men in camp: Marvin Yoder and Fred Schowalter. Marvin married Miss Alberta Smith of Kansas City, Kansas, Monday, May 18. Thursday, May 28, Fred was married to Miss Maxine Wilson of Colorado Springs.

Paul Rosentrater, who has been confined to Glockner Hospital for the past two and a half months recovering from a severe case of rheumatic fever, was permitted to return to his home at Tabor, Iowa, last Saturday, May 23. Due to his long illness, Paul has received his papers of release from camp. Paul was accompanied on the train to Council Bluffs, Iowa, by Mr. Gaeddert.

Mr. Tom Titman succeeds Mr. Walter Makens as Project Superintendent Monday, June 1. Mr. Titman has been Project Superintendent of the Gardner and Springfield, Colorado, CCC camps. On Monday Mr. Makens takes up his new duties as District Engineer of SCS with headquarters in Colorado Springs.



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Stand upright! speak thy thoughts! declare
The truth thou hast, that all may share!
Be bold! proclaim it everywhere!
They only live who dare.

Lewis Morris

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